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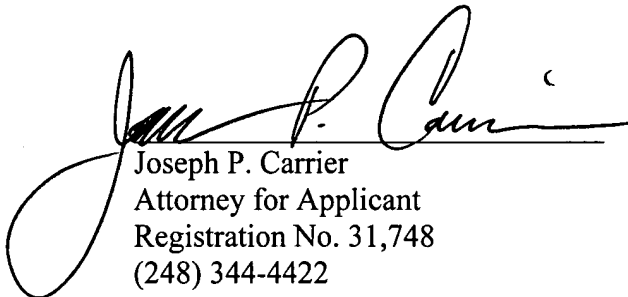
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, §1.98, and MPEP §609, applicant encloses copies of the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner. The reference is discussed in paragraphs [003] - [005] of the specification.

The listed reference is being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that it constitutes statutory prior art or contains matter which anticipates the present invention or which would render the same obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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